

It always seemed dangerous to me to allow one company to own more than a few TV or radio stations. We need a variety of opinions and sources to make the decisions necessary in a democracy. The latest news about Sinclair and their insistence that their stations air an apparently distorted and negative show about a Presidential candidate just before the election show me I was right.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.